Availability of Monkeys for research Purposes

1176. SHIR K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Private Research Laboratory of the Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore has decided to make over 400 bonnet monkeys available to foreign agencies for "research" as reported in the Indian Express, dated 26th April, 1997;

(b) whether it is a fact that these monkeys are subject to horrible, nuclear and other tests;

(c) What India would get out of this so-called research;

(d) whether Government will forbid the export of any Indian animals in the name of research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The Primate Research Laboratory (PRL) of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has been carrying out collaborative research with accredited academic institutions such as universitites and Government agencies. At the process of research, monkeys at the PRL are used for experiments which are approved by the Institutional Ethical Committee consisting of Veterinarians and biologists. The research carried out in the last 30 years at PRL has provided valuable information on the role of several hormones in regulations of important physiological processes in the monkeys and these studies are of considerable relevance to humans. The research studies have formed the basis in development of contraceptive vaccines which are currently undergoing clinical trials.

(b) Under the current exim policy of the Government, there is a ban on export of any wild animal.

स्कूल पाठ्यक्रम में खेलों को शामिल किया जाना

1177. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा-नीति और राष्ट्रीय खेल-नीति में यह कहा गया है कि स्कूल और कालेजों में खेलों को पाठ्यक्रम के अनिवार्य अंग के रूप में शामिल किया जाए;

(ख) देश के सभी स्कूलों में खेलों को पाठ्यक्रम का एक अंग बनाने पर कितना वार्षिक व्यय होने का अनुमान है; और

(ग) इस वर्ष के लिये इस योजनार्थ कितना बजट प्रावधान किया गया है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) खेलकूद और शारीरिक शिक्षा पर केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (केब) समिति ने सिफारिश की है कि स्कूलों और कालेजों में खेलकूद और शारीरिक शिक्षा को अनिवार्य विषय बनाया जाए। तदनुसार युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल विभाग ने सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को स्कूलों और कालेजों में खेलकूद और शारीरिक शिक्षा को अनिवार्य विषय बनाने की सलाह दी है।

(ख) स्कूल शिक्षा की देखरेख मुख्यतः राज्य सरकारों द्वारा की जाती है इसलिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा अभी तक ऐसा कार्य नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Agitation by Students of Jamia Millia Islamia

1178. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students of jamia Millia Islamia have been agitating for the restoration of the minority status of the University;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this demand; and

(c) whether this demand is inconsonance with Government's stand on secularism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) There

was a agitation in Jamia Millia Islamia following a judgement of Delhi High Court striking down certain reservations in admissions. The demand raised was to bring about certain amendments in Jamia Millia Islamia Act to emphasize its distinctive historical character. As the questions relating to grant of minority status to educational institutions, including Universities, are currently subjudice before an 11-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court, a decision on these issues by the Government would not be possible at this stage.

Sports Policy

1179. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given concrete shape to the draft sports policy which had remained on paper since 1984;

(b) whether Government have circulated the draft new National Sports Policy to all States, if so, what is the reaction thereto (State-wise) particularly on bringing sports in concurrent list;

(c) whether Government have created a national Sports Development Fund, if so, how much amount Centre will contribute and how much fund Government are expecting from other sources; and

(d) whether New Policy is likely to be placed before Parliament during monsoon session for approval?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) taking into consideration various views expressed from time to time, it has been decided to revise the Sports Policy and take specific steps for Promotion of Sports.

(b) Yes, Sir. 16 States have endorsed the proposal for bringing sports in the Concurrent list. These States are Bihar, Kerala, Meghalaya, Goa, Sikkim, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura, Haryana, Maharashtra, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur.

The matter is being pursued with other 10 States, who have either not agreed to or have not responded to the proposal.

(c) No, Sir. Proposal for creation of a Sports Development Fund is under consideration of the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

The draft new national Sports Policy has been circulated to all State governments, National Sports Federations, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association and other concerned for their comments. It will take some time to analyse the comments and finalise the sports policy.

Mahila Samridhi Yojana

1180. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled 'Launched with fanfare, many Government schemes ended up as farce' appeared in the Times of India dated 16th May, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes poorly implemented or not implemented at all by Government;

(c) whether the matter has been examined in detail at his level; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such scheme. Basically the news-item which has been referred to in part (a) of the question is about Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY). The scheme is being recast due to high operational cost.

(c) and (d) The scheme was examined in detail at Ministry and Planning Commission level. The High-Power Committee constituted by the Planning